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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

**SUBJECT :** Intelligence Contingency Planning for  
the Vietnam Theater

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense  
same subject, dated 31 October 1968

1. On 31 October 1968 the Director of Central Intelligence forwarded under referent memorandum for your comments and recommendations an intelligence contingency plan for the Vietnam theater covering the special situation resulting from a bombing halt (Plan A) and its associated study. It was pointed out that Plan B, covering a cease fire contingency, was then in process of compilation. This Plan has now been completed and, after having been reviewed by the USIB, is forwarded herewith for your comments and recommendations.

2. Plan B addresses the situation at the time of a cease fire as we can now forecast the conditions which will exist. As the terms of a cease fire become known and as the performance of the enemy under a cease fire becomes apparent, adjustments may be required in the intelligence targets and in some cases in the mode of collection against them. I have therefore asked the Chairman of the Critical Collection Problems Committee of the USIB to continue to monitor the collection problem on Vietnam in light of possible changing circumstances.

/C/ Rufus Taylor

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Acting Director

**Attachment:**  
Plan B

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